

The Offeror shall describe how it intends to maintain and promote flexibility in the network, incorporate new technologies, and satisfy new communications needs.

Tab F – Core Program-Wide Technical Requirements

The Offeror shall provide a comprehensive description and illustration of the proposed architecture for the network, and describe its proposed methodology for meeting each of the requirements of C.3.1. The Offeror shall discuss its strategy for developing Disaster Recovery (DR) and Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans, including models and processes that have been used elsewhere.

Tab G – Core Site-By-Site Technical Requirements

The Offeror shall describe its proposed methodology for delivering end-to-end managed network services and compliance with security requirements. The Offeror shall specifically address each of the requirements of C.3.3.

Tab H – Enhanced Services

The Offeror shall describe its approach and capabilities to providing each of the enhanced services identified in C.4.

Tab I – Transition

The Offeror shall propose a transition and implementation strategy for moving from TCS to TCE within a nine (9) month timeframe. For evaluation purposes only, the Offeror shall assume a contract award date of June 30, 2006 and transition to commence October 1, 2006, and end on June 30, 2007. The proposal shall address the requirements of C.3.2.1 and be in sufficient detail to allow evaluation of all of the subfactors identified in M.3.3.1. The project timeline will not be subject to page limitations. At a minimum, the proposal shall include:

- The proposed transition and implementation approach with demonstrated relevant experience of similar scope and complexity, including a description of the approach to minimizing and mitigating risk, offering no compromise of continuity, and maintaining strict adherence to the post-award schedule, as well as the identification of any tools, methods, and practices that would be used to facilitate the transition and how those would be used;
- The proposed Transition Plan, including a description of how the Offeror will manage the increasing complexity of site transitions based on site categories;
- Proposed plan for assuming full responsibility of Government property through the Exchange/Sale process.

L.10.2 Volume II – Managed Services – Program Operations and Management

The Offeror shall cross-reference the Section C requirements to the sections of the Offeror's proposal. The Program Management discussion shall clearly present information adequate to evaluate fully each of the evaluation criteria in RFP Section M. When addressing specific requirements of the SOW, the Offeror shall also address each corresponding SLA, as identified in Section F.

Tab F – Price Proposal – Price Evaluation Model Delivery Order

To facilitate evaluation of pricing, the Offeror shall complete the model delivery order template in Attachment B-4, including pricing for each and every site in the B-4 template, using pricing information from its B-1, B-2, and B-3 pricing tables. The Offeror shall ensure that the CLIN prices in the completed MDO and in the B-1 table are consistent for category of site, class of service, bandwidth, and price. The Offerors shall also ensure that local loop prices in the completed MDO are consistent with their B-2 and B-3 pricing tables for location, size, and price.

Offerors shall note that NPA-NXX values are pre-populated for Category 3 sites. These NPA-NXX values also appear in table B-3. Offerors shall bid Category 3 sites using the pre-populated NPA-NXX values, and shall not change the NPA-NXX values in either the MDO or in table B-3. In cases where an Offeror's own analysis of a location indicates a different NPA-NXX value for that location, the Offeror shall defer to the value provided in the pre-populated MDO and bid to the NPA-NXX value provided.

Offerors shall note that physical addresses are pre-populated for Category 1 and 2 sites in both the MDO, and table B-2. Offerors shall bid Category 1 and 2 sites to these physical addresses pre-populated in the MDO and table B-2. NPA-NXX information is also included for completeness, but is not intended as governing information for Category 1 and 2 sites. In cases where an Offeror's own analysis indicates a different NPA-NXX value for a Category 1 or 2 site than that listed in the pre-populated MDO or table B-2, the Offeror shall use the physical address as the governing information, and bid to the physical address.

For pricing evaluation only, the Offerors shall also assume, at a minimum, that 20% of the bandwidth on the baseline network is CoS 2 traffic in every year at every site. The Offeror shall assume that applications are added to the network in Year 2 that consume CoS 1 bandwidth. The Offeror shall refer to Attachment L-5 for notional CoS 1 bandwidth demands in Year 2. The CoS 1, 2 and 3 values pre-populated in the B-4 template represent these CoS proportions for the minimum total bandwidth; Offerors wishing to propose a greater mix of CoS 1 and CoS 2 relative to CoS 3 transport bandwidth, or offerors wishing to propose greater overall transport bandwidth site-by-site, must ensure that both the minimum proportions (20% CoS 2, and CoS 1 minimums per Attachment L-5) and the minimum total bandwidth (sum of CoS 1, 2 and 3 bandwidths) are met. For example, a site that has a minimum transport of 1 Mbps must have aggregate components bid at CoS 1, CoS 2, and CoS 3 that total to a minimum of 1 Mbps and meet the relative proportions described above.

The Offeror shall propose local loops that are sufficiently sized to accommodate the transport values bid. Attachment B-4 is pre-populated with local loop sizes that will support the pre-populated total transport minimums. If Offerors propose greater than the minimum transport bandwidth, they must also adjust the local loop sizes to accommodate this larger bandwidth (local loops proposed cannot be smaller than the transport proposed that they are intended to support).

Offerors should note that the site-by-site bandwidths in the attachment B-4 pre-populated MDO are for a design in which no TCE sites are intermediaries for reaching any other TCE sites, nor for reaching an Internet gateway. Offerors proposing to use TCE sites as intermediary points for reaching other TCE sites or an Internet gateway must increase the bandwidth at these intermediary sites to accommodate the additional traffic of downstream

locations. For example, a site that is an intermediary point for 10 downstream locations should have increased transport bandwidth to accommodate the bandwidth of these 10 downstream locations. Further, for each intermediary site, its downstream locations must be listed in column J (Instructions on how year 1 bandwidth was calculated) of attachment B-4. Also, each downstream location must likewise contain a note in column J identifying which site is its upstream intermediary site for reaching other TCE sites. The identifiers used in each case should be the TCS site codes (facility codes in column A of the Attachment B-4 MDO).

The model delivery order shall be provided in Microsoft Excel. Each page of the model delivery order, when printed, shall contain the facility code column, column headings, and a minimum font of Arial 10.

L.11 Content of Resulting Contract

Any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation will contain Part I - The Schedule, Part II - Contract Clauses, and Part III - List of Documents, Exhibits and Other Attachments. Part IV - Section K - Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Offerors, will be incorporated into the resulting contract by reference. Blank areas appearing in these sections are to be completed by the Offeror or will be filled in by the Contracting Officer after negotiations have been completed.

L.12 Alternate Proposals

Alternate proposals will not be considered. However, Offerors may propose alternate solutions to individual requirements that do not change the overall approach or intent of the TCE Program and offer cost-savings to the Government.

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